

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEW ENGLAND - REGION I
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2002

SUBJ: Site Investigation Closure
Harco Site

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TO: Harco Site File

THRU: Steven Novick, Section Chief
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In accordance with section 300.400 of the NCP, a Removal Site Evaluation, consisting of a Preliminary Assessment and/or Site Investigation (PA/SI), has been undertaken for the Harco Site in Wilton, Connecticut. The findings of the Removal Site Evaluation, recorded in the site file, have been evaluated under the criteria set forth in section 300.415 of the NCP and section 104(a), (b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(a), (b). The Removal Site Evaluation has led to the determination that a Removal Action is not appropriate at this time.

The findings of the Removal Site Evaluation are as follows:

1. Source and nature of the release or threat of release:

- a. Please refer to the document entitled "Final Site Inspection Report, Harco Property, Wilton, Connecticut", January 6 1995), and other referenced documents.
- b. The major hazardous substances, pollutants, and/or contaminants that are being released or for which there is threat of release:

Substances
lead, zinc

Media
soil



2. **Evaluation of the threat to public health, welfare and the environment:**

a. Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry:

Threat_____ No Threat_____ Evaluation X
Not Necessary

b. Endangerment to the ecosystem:

Threat_____ No Threat_____ Evaluation X
Not Necessary

3. **The Removal Site Evaluation was terminated pursuant to section 300.410(e) of the NCP for the following reason(s):**

(X) The Removal Site Evaluation is complete.

4. As reflected in Section 3. above, the Removal Site Evaluation was terminated due to its completion and not for other reasons. Therefore, the following factors were considered in determining the appropriateness of a Removal Action pursuant to section 300.415(b)(2) of the NCP:

(X) Actual or potential exposure to nearby human populations, animals, or the food chain from hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants;

(X) Actual or potential contamination of drinking water supplies or sensitive ecosystems;

() Hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants in drums, barrels, tanks, or other bulk storage containers, that may pose a threat of release;

(X) High levels of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants in soils largely at or near the surface, that may migrate;

() Weather conditions that may cause hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants to migrate or be released;

() Threat of fire or explosion;

(X) The availability of other appropriate Federal or State response mechanisms to respond to the release; and

() Other situations or factors that may pose threats to public health or welfare or the environment.

5. Lead and zinc are present in surface soils at the site due to past disposal activities. In 1993, a removal action was conducted at this site, which included installing a chain-link fence around the

perimeter to limit access. Recent field reconnaissance indicates that this fence remains intact. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) has in the past determined that this site did not pose a threat to ground water quality. CTDEP will continue to monitor this Site and will pursue private drinking water well sampling to ensure that the site still does not pose a health threat.

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